

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING INFORMATION SIGNALS
BASED ON CONTENT**

Abstract of the Disclosure

Methods and apparatus are provided for processing an information signal containing content presented in accordance with at least one modality. In one aspect of the present invention, a method of processing an information signal containing content presented in accordance with at least one modality, comprises the steps of: (i) obtaining the information signal; (ii) performing content detection on the information signal to detect whether the information signal includes particular content presented in accordance with the at least one modality; and (iii) generating a control signal, when the particular content is detected, for use in controlling a rendering property of the particular content and/or implementation of a specific action relating to the particular content. Various illustrative embodiments in the context of speech signal processing for use in voicemail and/or cellular phone applications are provided, as well as illustrative embodiments associated with the processing of multi-modal or multimedia information signals. Also, the present invention provides for storing selectively marked information, even in the absence of content detection, such that the information may be rendered and/or used at a later time. The invention also extends to processing of text-based and markup language-based signals, e.g., XML documents.

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